

POOL SAFETY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs, Product Safety, and Insurance concluded a hearing to examine pool safety issues, after receiving testimony from Jacqueline Elder, Assistant Executive Director for Hazard Identification and Reduction, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission; Mark Laven, Latham International, Alexandria, Virginia, on behalf of the Association of Pool and Spa Professionals; Alan Korn, Safe Kids Worldwide, Washington, D.C.; and Nancy Baker, McLean, Virginia.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Robert F. Godec, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tunisia, and Robert S. Ford, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the People's Democratic Republic

of Algeria, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to consider pending intelligence matters.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

SOCIAL SERVICES FOR OLDER AMERICANS

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine innovation in the aging network regarding the future of social services for older Americans, focusing on ensuring that America's communities are prepared to meet the needs of today's and tomorrow's older adults, after receiving testimony from Neal E. Lane, New York State Office for the Aging, Albany; Pamela B. Smith, San Diego County Aging and Independence Services, San Diego, California; and Gayla S. Woody, Centralina Area Agency on Aging, Charlotte, North Carolina.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 10 public bills, H.R. 5278–5287; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 398–399; and H. Res. 794–795, were introduced.

Pages H2101–02

Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H2102–03

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Bonner to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Frank M. Deerey, Jr., Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church, LaBelle, Florida.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Congratulating charter schools and their students, parents, teachers, and administrators across the United States for their ongoing contributions to education: H. Res. 781, to congratulate charter schools and their students, parents, teachers, and administrators across the United States for their ongoing contributions to education, by a yeas-and-nay vote of 417 yeas to 1 nay and 3 voting "present", Roll No. 120;

Pages H1988–92, H2057–58

Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run: H. Con. Res. 359, to authorize the use of the Capitol Grounds for the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run, by a yeas-and-nay vote of 417 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 114;

Pages H1992, H2030–31

Providing for the conditional conveyance of any interest retained by the United States in St. Joseph Memorial Hall in St. Joseph, Michigan: H.R. 4700, to provide for the conditional conveyance of any interest retained by the United States in St. Joseph Memorial Hall in St. Joseph, Michigan;

Pages H1992–93

Prohibiting price gouging in the sale of gasoline, diesel fuel, crude oil, and home heating oil: H.R. 5253, to prohibit price gouging in the sale of gasoline, diesel fuel, crude oil, and home heating oil, by a yeas-and-nay vote of 389 yeas to 34 nays, Roll No. 115;

Pages H1993–99, H2031

Expressing the need for enhanced public awareness of traumatic brain injury and support for the designation of a National Brain Injury Awareness Month: H. Con. Res. 99, to express the need for enhanced public awareness of traumatic brain injury

and support for the designation of a National Brain Injury Awareness Month; and **Pages H2007–09**

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Nurses Week: H. Res. 245, amended, to support the goals and ideals of National Nurses Week.

Pages H2009–11

Suspension—Failed: The House failed to agree to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Refinery Permit Process Schedule Act: H.R. 5254, to set schedules for the consideration of permits for refineries, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 237 yeas to 188 nays, Roll No. 116.

Pages H1999–S2007, H2031–32

Lobbying Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006: The House passed H.R. 4975, to provide greater transparency with respect to lobbying activities, by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 217 yeas to 213 nays, Roll No. 119.

Pages H2011–30, H2032–57

Rejected the Slaughter motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Rules with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 213 yeas to 216 nays, Roll No. 118, after ordering the previous question.

Pages H2046–56

Pursuant to the rule, in lieu of the amendments recommended by the Committees on the Judiciary, Rules, and Government Reform now printed in the bill, the amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of the Rules Committee Print dated April 21, 2006, modified by the amendment printed in part A of this report, shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. The rule provides that the bill, as amended, shall be considered as an original bill for purpose of further amendment and shall be considered as read. Further, the rules makes in order only those amendments printed in part B of this report.

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Also pursuant to section 2 of H. Res. 783, the text of H.R. 513, as passed by the House, electing a certain Member to a certain standing committee of the House of Representatives, will be appended to the engrossment of the bill.

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Agreed to:

Castle amendment (No. 2 printed in Part B of H. Rpt. 109–441) strikes the current section 106 and inserts an ascending civil penalty structure for each subsequent offense. For example, for a second offense the offender could be subject to a fine of not more than \$250,000. Also adds “corruptly and with intent to evade the law” to the intent element of the civil penalty;

Pages H2037–38

Lungren, Dan of California amendment (No. 3 printed in Part B of H. Rpt. 109–441) modifies section 301 to place a moratorium on privately-funded

official travel unless the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct issues a certification that the gift of travel complies with all House rules and standards of conduct. The Committee is not permitted to issue that certification until it reports its recommendations on changes to rule XXV to the Committee on Rules, which must occur no later than June 15, 2006. The Committee is permitted to issue the certification before June 15 if $\frac{2}{3}$ of the committee vote to do so. The Standards Committee must review public records on privately funded travel, and consider those items in the base bill. Section 302 is modified to direct the Committee on Standards to report to the Committee on Rules on recommended changes to rule XXV with respect to gifts, and consider factors similar to those in the base bill;

Pages H2038–39

Sodrel amendment (No. 4 printed in Part B of H. Rpt. 109–441) amends Sec. 502 to add a voluntary ethics training program for Members within 100 days of being sworn into Congress. The status of the Members completing and not completing the course within the time frame will be posted on the website for the House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct and in the Congressional Record;

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Gingrey amendment (No. 6 printed in Part B of H. Rpt. 109–441) extends the prohibition on converting campaign dollars for personal use currently applicable to campaign committees to Leadership PACs. Leadership PAC is defined as a political committee which is directly or indirectly established, maintained, or controlled by a candidate for Federal office or an individual holding Federal office;

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Castle amendment (No. 8 printed in Part B of H. Rpt. 109–441) requires that all registered lobbyists complete a mandatory 8-hours of ethics training each Congress. Ethics training would include the code of conduct and disclosure requirements applicable to Members, officers, and employees of the House, including rules relating to acceptance of gifts (including travel and meals), and financial disclosure requirements under the Ethics in Government Act of 1978. Any registered lobbyist failing to complete ethics training each Congress would be subject to penalties; and

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Flake amendment (No. 9 printed in Part B of H. Rpt. 109–441) clarifies the application of criminal bribery and illegal gratuities statutes with regard to earmarks. Specifically, it prohibits a person from directly or indirectly, corruptly giving, offering, or promising anything of value to any public official with the intent to influence any official act relating to an earmark. Also prohibits a public official from corruptly demanding, seeking, receiving, accepting,

or agreeing to receive or accept anything of value in return for influence in the performance of an official act relating to an earmark. **Pages H2044–45**

Rejected:

Gohmert (No. 1 printed in Part B of H. Rpt. 109–441) which sought to strike the current section 106 and insert an ascending civil penalty structure for each subsequent offense. For example, for a second offense the offender could be subject to a fine of not more than \$250,000. Also adds “corruptly and with intent to evade the law” to the intent element of the civil penalty (by a recorded vote of 108 ayes to 320 noes, Roll No. 117).

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Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to correct section numbers, spelling, punctuation, and cross-references, and to make such other technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House. **Page H2058**

H. Res. 783, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to on Thursday, April 27, 2006, by a yea-and-nay vote of 216 yeas to 207 nays, Roll No. 110.

SAFE Port Act—Rule for Consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 789, the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 4954, to improve maritime and cargo security through enhanced layered defenses, by a yea-and-nay vote of 230 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 124, after ordering the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 226 yeas to 200 nays, Roll No. 123.

Pages H2058–66, H2078–79

Tax Relief Act of 2005—Motion to Instruct Conferees: The House rejected the Larson of Connecticut motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 4297, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 201(b) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006, by a yea-and-nay vote of 197 yeas to 224 nays, Roll No. 121.

Pages H2066–71, H2076–77

Pension Security and Transparency Act of 2005—Motion to Instruct Conferees: The House agreed to the George Miller of California motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2830, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform the pension funding rules, by a yea-and-nay vote of 299 yeas to 125 nays, Roll No. 122.

Pages H2071–76, H2077

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H2077.

Senate Referrals: S. 1003 was referred to the Committee on Resources; S. Con. Res. 91 was referred to the Committee on Government Reform. **Page H2099**

Quorum Calls Votes: Ten yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2030, H2031, H2031–32, H2045–46, H2056, H2056–57, H2057–58, H2076–77, H2077, H2078, and H2078–79. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 11:59 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies approved for full Committee action the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2007.

SCIENCE, THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE, JUSTICE, AND COMMERCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Science, The Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies held a hearing on State Department, Public Diplomacy. Testimony was heard from Karen Hughes, Under Secretary, Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs, Department of State; and Jess Ford, Director, International Affairs and Trade, GAO.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007

Committee on Armed Services: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 5122, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007.

BUILDING AMERICAN COMPETITIVENESS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Held a hearing entitled “Building American Competitiveness: Examining the Scope and Success of Existing Federal Math and Science Programs.” Testimony was heard from Tom Luce, Assistant Secretary, Office of Planning, Evaluation and Policy Development, Department of Education; Cornelia Ashby, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, GAO; and a public witness.

PASSENGER CAR FUEL ECONOMY STANDARDS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Held a hearing on a measure to authorize the National Highway Traffic